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Business Hours at the White House.

During the winter, in order to facilitate business, except before him, as much as possible, the President will, from ten to twelve o'clock each day, receive visitors, receive members and representatives of Congress, and receive delegations, and two such afternoons, from two to four o'clock, the Executive hours of his office will be from ten o'clock A. M. to three o'clock p. m.

THE NEW DEPARTURE.

A significant—the most significant—ever of the political history of the Union of Representatives yesterday, was the meeting of the Republicans and Democrats gathered around the desk of the Hon. Benjamin F. Butler, and paid him the rare tribute of a hearty and generous applause, he declared that it was the New Orleans of 1863 and not the New Orleans or 1861 that he wished to remember. Coming from Gen. Butler, the radical of radicals this stern uncompromising American Cromwell, the Butler who laid his iron hand upon New England, the Butler who, in his famous "contraband" speech, made the problem before Lincoln solved it, the Radical who, rousing up a green and fertile spot in the desert of dryness and profligate debate, and petty scandal and malignity, and defamation that blazed the pages of the Congressional Globe during the last six weeks. So far as Gen. Butler himself is concerned, it was no new doctrine with him, but it was, as far as the House of Representatives was concerned, an unlooked-for manifestation of a feeling that is full to overflowing, and of good cheer for the republic.

For what, after all, does it mean? It means that the South, which was writing its name across the bloody chasm, about which we heard so much in the late campaign. The opponents of the Republican party in the late campaign skilfully endeavored to place it in the position of hostility to the South; it was charged with keeping alive the war-mongering and tyrannizing over those who followed the conflict, and in the way of the rebellion. From the day that Lee surrendered his sword to General Grant, the Republican party of the North has been anxious for peace and good-will. But the stormy administration of Mr. Johnson intervened, and through the South there shouldered the load of civil war and treason, which it was hoped had been extinguished. The Democratic party of the North, led by the Stevenses and the Blairs, did all they could to perpetuate the old animosity. They opposed the constitutional amendments. They fought reconstruction. They held out the may that all the war legislation, as it was called, should be repealed; that the South should have her own again—should have the right to trample upon and defraud those whom the logic of the bayonet and the bullet had enfranchised. The Republicans having a majority in both Houses. The Democracy of the North kept alive the spirit of opposition to the Republican policy, and with her friends so many, she would, and on New Year's day accomplished a radical manifesto of a feeling that is full to overflowing, and of good cheer for the republic.

Local committees have been formed in all of the states, and in cities, and towns, and the various branches of manufacturing and commerce have given most liberal support to their enterprises, insuring a large advance over our quota of subscriptions assigned to this state. If all other states adopt the same course the amount required will soon be raised. The District of Columbia must derive great advantage from this exhibition, as very foreign will naturally visit the capital and its public buildings. The quota of shares of the District is \$100,000, or in money, \$75,000, which is understood to be the amount paid by the purchasers.

The Princess of Wales has triumphed over the difficulties of her tour, and while her friends are still much occupied with her, and on New Year's day accomplished a ride in a fox hunt, returning home in good condition.

[OFFICIAL.]

WAR DEPARTMENT,
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., NOV. 18, 1872.

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